

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION BULLETIN BOARD

PROJECT NAME: Shay Mesa Fuels Treatment Project

**NEPA LOG
NUMBER:** UT-090-2006-10

**FIELD
OFFICE/CODE:** Division of Fire Management/Monticello Field Office

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DOCUMENT TYPE:

Categorical Exclusion (CX)		Environmental Assessment (EA)	XX
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)		Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	

PRIMARY PROGRAM (Place an X for all Programs involved):

Cultural		Watershed	
Fire/Fuel	XX	Wild Horses	
Lands & Realty		Wildlife	
Minerals		Planning	
Range		Paleontology	
Recreation		Woodland/Forestry	XX
Vegetation		Other:	

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Shay Mesa is one of several large mesas that encompass the Indian Creek drainage at the foot of the Abajo Mountains in San Juan County, Utah. In 1959, large areas of Shay Mesa were chained and seeded in BLM-sponsored projects, but maintenance has not been conducted on the historical chaining. The lack of maintenance has resulted in a regenerated pinyon/juniper forest along with sections of heavy dead and down slash from the 50's chaining. This combination has created a buildup of hazardous fuels with an accompanying reduction in grass and forbs production. In an effort to restore the land to a more natural and historical ecosystem, the proposed project would utilize manual cutting and mechanical thinning techniques, prescribed fire, and reseedling on approximately 2,500 acres.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (Township, Range, and Sections):

T. 32 S., R. 22 E., Secs. 17-20 and 30, and T. 32 S., R. 21 E., Secs. 12-14, and 22-27

LOCATION DESCRIPTION / OTHER REMARKS:

Approximately 2,500 acres, 20 miles northwest of Monticello, Utah.

COUNTY(S):

San Juan County

SPECIAL INTERESTS (Place an X for all Special Interests involved):

ACEC		T & E	
Critical Habitat		Visual Resources	
Cultural	XX	Designated Wilderness/WSA	
Fire Rehabilitation		Wild & Scenic Rivers	
Riparian		Areas with Wilderness Characteristics	

STATUS OF ACTION / DATE

02/01/06: Archaeological inventory completed; EA analysis and issues identification ongoing.

COMMENT PERIOD PROVIDED (Yes or No? If yes, include period dates):

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